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1. Japanese patent laid-open application no. 10-223833. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

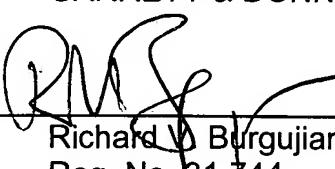
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	5,424,245	06/13/1995	Gurtler et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	10-223833	08/21/1998	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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